

LESSON 6

A GIFT FOR YOU

1 PETER 4:1–11



1 What abilities do you admire in others?

2 What is one ability you wish you had?

3 Why do you wish you had this ability?



Read 1 Peter 4:1–11 and the following notes:

☐ 4:7–9 ☐ 4:10, 11 ☐ 4:11

4 How does God want us to use our gifts (4:10, 11)?

5 What do others get when we use our gifts as God directs (4:10)?

6 What happens when we use our gifts as God wants us to (4:11)?

Peter wrote a great deal about how the Christian's life should be different from the unbeliever's. The use of our gifts is one example. God has given everyone—including you—some gifts of skills. Each time we use these skills to serve others, we bring glory to God. You may feel the tendency to hoard or deny your gifts; a better course of action would be to look for ways to do whatever you can to serve those around you. How can you use your gifts and skills to serve others?



7 How can a person serve his/her . . .

family? _____

friends and acquaintances? _____

community? _____

coworkers? _____

church? _____

8 Who benefits when we use what we have to serve others?



9 What is one of your natural talents?

10 What is one skill or ability that you have learned?

11 What is one spiritual gift (love, speaking, hospitality, service, etc.) that you have or think you might have? (See Romans 12:6–8 and 1 Corinthians 12:8–11 for other examples of spiritual gifts.)

12 Whom can you serve with the talents, skills, or gifts that God has given you?



13 What talent, skill, or gift could you use this week to serve someone else?

14 Whom will you serve or help this week?

- A** What is the value of suffering (4:1, 2)? In what situations have you seen suffering benefit a person? What sort of response to suffering or frustration would enable you to remember God's hand in it?
- B** Why do unbelievers see the behavior of Christians as strange (4:4)? When have you received such reactions to your faith? How can a negative reaction be used as an opportunity to witness for Christ?
- C** What difference does it make that "the end of the world is coming soon" (4:7–11)? What would help you remember that Christ may return at any moment?

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